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News

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Dear Wisconsin Children's Safety Advocates:

In December 2003, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a total of **five (5) recalls and one (1) safety advisory relating to products affecting children**. Attached is a summary of the releases identifying the product, problem and what should be done with the recalled product.

We have found that not all of the recalls are picked up by the news media as they occur. This monthly summary will give you the opportunity to review all of the children's product safety recalls for the past two months.

If you are interested in a complete text of the recall, double click on the hyperlink at the end of the recall description. This will take you to the CPSC website and the actual recall notice. If you have other product safety questions you may call our toll free number at **(800) 422-7128**.

Following is a listing of the 5 "KIDS" recalls and 1 advisory by title and identification number (when available):

- ❖ Lakeside Collection, abcDistributing & LTD
Commodities are recalling Fleece Pants Sets.
- ❖ Schylling Associates Inc. is recalling more "Jack-in-the-Box" type toys. #04-050
- ❖ Zutopia (a division of Wet Seal Inc.) is recalling Girls' Lougewear. #04-051
- ❖ First & Main Inc. are recalling Plush Toys.
- ❖ Avon Products Inc. is recalling Jack-in-the-Box toys for repair.
- ❖ New Federal Web Site for Recall Information. #04-058

We hope you find this service of value and that it assists you to:

"KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE!"

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Release Information: Lakeside Collection of Lincolnshire, IL., abcDistributing of North Miami, FL and LTD Commodities of Bannockburn, Ill are in all recalling about 29,353 two-piece fleece pant set with long waist drawstring on jacket. The two-piece fleece pant set is pink and royal blue and comes in sizes 4 to 6X. The garment was sold by catalog sales from August 2003 to October 2003 for about \$12. It was manufactured in India.

Problem: Waist drawstring on jacket is longer than 3 inches when the waist is expanded to its fullest width, and there are toggles and knots at the end of the un-tacked drawstring. This can cause the drawstring to catch on protrusions (such as bus doors or handles), potentially causing injury or death if the person is dragged by the vehicle.

What to do: Pull the waist drawstrings out of the jacket. For more information, call Lakeside toll-free at (866) 847-4327 or send an email to customerservice@lakeside.com.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml04/04517.html>

Release Number: 04-050 Schylling Associates Inc. of Rowley Mass is voluntarily recalling about 14,400 "Jack-In-the-Box" Type Toys. Two designs of the "Jack-In-the-Box" type toys are included in this recall, both of which play "Pop Goes the Weasel" when the crank is turned. One is based on Dr. Seuss' Cat in the Hat, and the other is based on Ian Falconer's Olivia the pig character. The Cat in the Hat box is red, yellow and blue and has a black and white cat dressed in a red and white hat that pops out of the box. "CAT IN THE HAT" is written on the box lid. The Olivia box is black and salmon-colored with

"CIRCUS" written around the top sides. The Olivia character dressed as clown pops out. Schylling Associates Inc. previously recalled a Bear "Jack-In-the-Box" type toy in November with the same hazard. Specialty stores, gift shops, department stores and book stores nationwide from June 2003 through November 2003 for about \$25. The toys were manufactured in China.

Problem: The bead on the crank of the toy can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

What to do: Take these toys away from children immediately and contact the firm for information on receiving a refund or replacement toy. Call Schylling Associates Inc. at (800) 767-8697 between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.schylling.com.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml04/04050.html>

Release Number: 04-051 The Wet Seal Inc., of Foothill Ranch, Calif. Is voluntarily recalling about 5,500 units of Zutopia" Girl's loungewear (15 different styles). The 15 different styles of loungewear involved in this recall are available in girl's sizes small through extra-large (equivalent to girl's sizes 7-14). The following items are involved in the recall and are labeled "Zutopia":

- Style No. 3254: Two-piece, camisole and capri pant Blue with "Stick with me, my dreams come true" on the Camisole and on the Capri. Sold for \$26.50, RN#106503
- Style No. 3256: Two-piece, tank and capri pant set White and light blue with "Angel's Car-Hop" on the tank. Sold for \$26.50, RN#106503

- Style No. S3258: Two-piece, camisole and short set White and navy with "Funky Monkey" on the camisole. Sold for \$18.50, RN#106503
- Style No. 3252: Two-piece, tank and capri pant set Red with "Chit-Chat Telephone Co." on the tank. Sold for \$26.50, RN# 106503
- Style No. 3255: Two-piece, camisole and capri pant set Red and white with "Your Lips keep moving... but all I hear is 'Blah, Blah, Blah' " on the camisole and "Blah, Blah, Blah" on the capri pant. Sold for \$26.50, RN#106503
- Style No. 3261: Two-piece, camisole and short set White and pink with "DJ Scratchy Itchy" on the camisole and hearts and notes on the short. Sold for \$18.50, RN#106503
- Style No. 3262: Two-piece, camisole and capri pant set White and pink with "Sparky's Bowling & Rolling Rink..." on the camisole. Sold for \$26.50, RN#106503
- Style No. 3257: Two-piece, camisole and capri pant set Multi-colored set with "Cutie" on the camisole. Sold for \$26.50, RN#106503
- Style No. 3267: Capri pant Light blue with pink poodles and polka dots. Sold for \$19.50, RN# 106503
- Style No. 33340722: Lounge pant Black or red with "It's All About Me. david & goliath". Sold for \$24.50, RN# 78749
- Style No. 33106182: Lounge pant White with "Chick's Rule, david & goliath" and a caricature of a chick screened on the pant. Sold for \$24.50, RN#78749
- Style No. 33340685: Lounge pant Blue with "Boys are Smelly, david & goliath" on the pant along with a caricature of a boy. Sold for \$24.50, RN#78749
- Style No. 33105727: Lounge pant Pink with "Boys are stupid, throw rocks at them!" On the pant along with a caricature of a boy. Sold for \$24.50, RN#78749
- Style No. 32771848: Capri pant Hawaiian print capri pant in blue and pastel colors with palm trees and flowers. Sold for \$18.00, RN#106503
- Style No. 32771893: Capri pant Hawaiian print capri pant in pink and pastel colors with palm trees and flowers. Sold for \$18.00, RN#106503

Zutopia stores sold the items nationwide from January 2003 through October 2003 for between

\$18 and \$26.50. They were manufactured in the U.S.

Problem: The loungewear failed to meet federal flammability standards for children's sleepwear posing a risk of serious burn injuries to children. The standard requires sleepwear, including loungewear, to be flame resistant and if the garment ignites, the flame must self-extinguish.

What to do: Parents should stop their children from wearing this loungewear and return the item(s) to any Zutopia store for a full refund or exchange and receive \$10 in Zu Dollarz for a future purchase. Consumers can contact The Wet Seal at (866) 475-2255 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday. Consumers also can write to the company at 26972 Burbank, Foothill Ranch, CA 92610, attention: Zutopia Recall, or e-mail at recall@wetseal.com.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml/04/04051.html>

Release Information: First & Main Inc., of Lombard, Ill is voluntarily recalling about 2,300 Flutterby Plush Toys. This Flutterby plush toy is a winged horse. These pink, blue or purple toys have small plastic gem stones attached to the horse's wings. The toys have labels reading, "First & Main, Inc., Lombard, IL, Flutterby, Item No. 4005." Flower shops and small gift shops sold them nationwide from July 2002 through November 2002 for about \$15. They were manufactured in China.

Problem: The decorative gem stone on the toy's wings could detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

What to do: Return the toys to store where purchased for a refund. Contact First & Main Inc. at (800) 726-1400 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.firstandmain.com/recall.asp



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml04/04523.html>

Release Information: The Learning Journey International, L.L.C., of Phoenix, Ariz. is voluntarily recalling about 56,000 Jack-in-the Box toys for repair. The Jack-In-the-Box toy is battery operated, and has two yellow sides, two red sides, and a blue top and bottom. "THE LEARNING JOURNEY" is printed on the bottom of the toy. Model number F483361 is printed on the bottom of the packaging. The toys were sold by Independent Avon sales representatives and the Avon Web site from August 2003 through November 2003 for about \$13. They were manufactured in China.

Problem: A spring mechanism attached to the lid can break and detach from the toy, posing a choking hazard to young children.

What to do: Call Avon toll-free at (800) 445-AVON between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET Monday through Friday for information on how to receive instructions to remove the spring mechanism. Known purchasers are being sent direct mail notification of this recall.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml04/04528.html>

Release Number: 04-058 The reviews are in and the new federal Web site Recalls.gov is a hit. On November 25 the site was launched and in the first two weeks more than 100,000 visitors logged on to the site to find recall and safety information from all the federal agencies that work to keep consumers safe from harm.

The new site is a "one-stop shop" for consumers to have easier access to all recall announcements from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Food and Drug Administration, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The site also contains safety warnings and information on how to report a problem with a consumer product, cosmetic, motor vehicle, boat, food product or environmental product.

In addition to CPSC's Web site (www.cpsc.gov), consumers also can obtain information on recalled toys and children's products and safety warnings by calling our toll-free Hotline at (800) 638-2772.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml04/04058.html>

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